



# Convertible Car Seat: Forward Facing

- » For children at least 2 years of age AND who have reached the upper weight or height limit of their rear-facing seat (usually 40-50 pounds).
- » The minimum standard is to harness to at least age 4 and 40 pounds. Many car seats have higher harness weights (50-65 pounds).

Top of child's ears are not above the top of the car seat shell.

Harness tight enough so the straps are snug and excess webbing cannot be pinched or no more than 1 finger fits under harness strap.

Retainer clip at armpit level.



Tether anchor strap used if anchor is provided in the vehicle.

Harness at or above shoulder level and threaded correctly.

There are 2 different seat belt paths in this car seat. One is for rear-facing and the other is for forward-facing. The correct belt path must be used based on the direction the seat faces.

Seat in upright position.



The LATCH system (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children) can be used in place of the seat belt if your vehicle has the LATCH anchors (refer to owner's manual.) If you use the lower anchors, you must also use the top tether. The LATCH system does have weight limits, refer to your owner's manual to know when the seat belt must be used instead of LATCH.

Once installed in the vehicle, the car seat should not move more than 1 inch from side to side when holding the car seat at the belt bath.

Avoid bulky clothing or padding behind the child's head, back or under buttocks.

Have your car seat checked by a certified child passenger safety technician. Safe Kids Grand Forks and Altru Health System sponsor routine car seat checkup events in various communities. Visit [www.safekidsgf.com](http://www.safekidsgf.com) for dates, times and locations.





# Convertible Car Seat: Rear Facing

Children should remain rear facing until at least 2 years of age or the upper weight or height limit of their seat, usually 40-50 pounds (weight limits vary by manufacturer).

NEVER PLACE IN FRONT OF AN ACTIVE AIR BAG.

Top of child's head should be no closer than 1 inch from the top of the shell.

Harness tight enough so the straps are snug and webbing at the shoulder cannot be pinched.



Harness should be at or below shoulder level and threaded correctly.

Retainer clip at armpit level.

Seat in semi-reclined position according to level indicator on seat. (May use towel or swim noodle to reach semi-reclined angle).

The LATCH System (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children) can be used in place of the seat belt if your vehicle has the LATCH anchors (refer to diagram in owner's manual). Not all vehicles have lower anchors in the middle seat.



There are two different seat belt paths in a convertible car seat. One is for rear-facing and one is for forward-facing. The correct belt path must be used based on the direction the car seat faces.

Once installed in the vehicle, the car seat should not move more than 1 inch from side to side or back and forth when holding the car seat at the belt path.

Avoid bulky clothing or padding behind the child's head, back or under buttocks. Strap before you wrap. **Place blankets around baby after harness is snug and secure.**

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